

PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 3723**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Akifumi NISHIO et al.

Group Art Unit: 3723

Application No.: 10/508,869

Examiner: J. ACKUN

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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING HONEYCOMB STRUCTURAL BODY

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the April 10, 2007 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejections are respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-17 and 19-21 are pending in this application.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-17 and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) or, in the alternative, §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,487,694 to Deming; and rejects claims 1-17 and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) or (e), or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0121596 to Greven, U.S. Patent No. 5,837,084 to Barss, U.S. Patent No. 3,739,679 to Schwend and U.S. Patent No. 4,111,085 to Johnson. These rejections are respectfully traversed.